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TRI-WEEKLY.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, TUESDAY MORNING JULY 10 1855

WOOD GAS.—CAUTION.

BE IT KNOWN that I, the subscriber, obtained letters patent in December, 1854, for an apparatus for the destructive distillation of wood, and the making therefrom of tar or pitch at pleasure, and gas; and that in the judgment of competent persons, the invention of an apparatus recently patented by W. D. Porter cannot be used by him or any other person without infringing my said patent. And, further, that what is patented by said Porter rightfully belongs to me, as I expect to prove long before the United States Patent Office; and, further, that the use of said Porter's invention involves also a process which I am now claiming before the United States Patent Office, and which has been adjudged to be patentable to the first inventor thereof, and which said W. D. Porter has formally disclaimed, as appears upon the public records of said office, of which an official copy is hereto annexed, and also a copy of his claim.

In the National Intelligencer of the 25th instant Mr. Porter announces that he has secured by patent the "exclusive right to making gas from wood," and threatens prosecution to all parties infringing his patent. I ask for any other time, or to be put in possession of the patent of December, 1854, and how far the threat can intimidate under such circumstances. Mr. Porter's claim is based upon a valuable personal privilege, and appears to be sustained by the Patent Office, and the records of the Patent Office that his claim was at first refused as interfering with a prior patent of Robert Forsyth, of Canada, for the same invention. This claim, as given below, and in which the perforated diaphragm is the saving clause, is what Mr. Porter calls securing the "exclusive right to making gas from wood." The statement carries absurdity on its front, and is a lie on the good sense of the Patent Office. If such a claim or right had been granted, it would have been for coal-kiln and charcoal manufactory in the country.

The following copies of correspondence and extracts from the records of the Patent Office will show the true state of the case.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
August 25, 1854.

Sir: In reply to your letter of this date, asking "if any patent has been granted to W. D. Porter, for making gas from wood, or at any other time, or to any other person or persons, securing to him or them 'the exclusive right of making gas from wood,' and whether any such claim was made by W. D. Porter, under his application for a patent, which letters patent were issued bearing the above date, you are informed that W. D. Porter's claims are believed to be confined to his apparatus, and his application for a patent, and that no patent has been granted heretofore for the exclusive right of making gas from wood. It would, however, be unjustifiable to expect me to make extended investigation to answer your request.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,
C. Mason, Commissioner of Patents.

W. P. McConnell, Care of Prof. C. G. Page, Washington, D. C.

The United States Patent Office.—To all persons to whom these presents shall come greeting: Know that this is to certify that the annexed is a true copy from the files of this office of an extract from a paper filed in the matter of the application of W. D. Porter for letters patent in accordance with which application letters patent were issued to said W. D. Porter on the 23d day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

In testimony whereof, I, Charles Mason, Commissioner of Patents, have caused the seal of the Patent Office to be hereunto affixed. This 26th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and of the independence of the United States the seventy-ninth.

C. Mason.

Copy of disclaimer of W. D. Porter in his application for "an improved still for making wood gas," filed August 5, 1854. Letters patent issued August 22, 1854.

It is hereby certified that my invention and discovery the improvements in making gas from wood, viz: subjecting the products of destructive distillation therefrom to a high degree of heat, substantially as has been described in the foregoing specification, and shown in the accompanying drawings.

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Extract from Specification of W. D. Porter on which letters patent were issued August 22, 1854.

CLAIM.—What I claim as my invention and discovery is substantially as described in the foregoing specification, and shown in the accompanying drawings.

The truth of the above may be ascertained from the records of the Patent Office, to which all have access.

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I PROPOSE to publish in the city of Washington, in September, a political newspaper, under the name of the WASHINGTON SENTINEL.

In doing so, it is proper I should make known the principles it will maintain, and the policy it will advocate.

It will support cordially and earnestly the principles of the Democratic party of the United States. It does not propose to be the organ of any Department of the Government, except in so far as an independent maintenance of the doctrine of that party may represent its opinions and express its views.

It will not be ambitious to command itself to the people by a blind factory of their rulers. It will seek public support by the bold avowal of the sentiments which are common to the genuine Democracy of the Union, and by the condemnation of all such as may conflict with them, from whatever quarter they may come. It will seek to be (and it will endeavor to deserve the title) the organ of the Democratic party of the United States.

The SENTINEL will maintain, as a fundamental truth of that great party, that the States formed the Union between them by the ratification of the Constitution as a compact, by which also they created the Federal Government, and delegated to it, as their common agent, the powers expressly specified in it, with an explicit reservation of all others to the States, or to their separate governments. The exercise of any powers beyond these thus delegated, is, therefore, an usurpation of the reserved authority of the States by the agent of their own creation.

The SENTINEL will uphold and defend the Union upon the basis of the rights of the States—under the Constitution—and thus by sedulously guarding the latter, it will more effectually strengthen and perpetuate the former.

With regard to the exercise of the powers of the Federal Government, the SENTINEL will take as the principles of its action, that Congress shall exercise no power which has not been delegated by the States, in a strict and fair interpretation of its language and spirit; and that it shall not seek to attain indirectly an object through the exercise of constitutional power, for the direct purpose of which it has no delegation of power.

In other words, all powers exercised must be clearly granted, and all granted powers must be used for no purpose, except such as is clearly intended by the Constitution.

In respect to the internal administration of the Government, the SENTINEL will sustain the settled policy of the Democratic party. It will labor to inculcate the cardinal doctrine of Democratic government, that the Government is created to promote the freedom and prosperity of the people of the States, by being less ambitious to exercise power, and more anxious to preserve liberty; and by leaving to the individual States the management of all their domestic concerns—while it contents itself with guarding the confederacy from external violence, and directing the foreign policy of the country to the promotion of the common interests, and defence of the common rights, and honor of the States composing it.

The SENTINEL will advocate such a progressive foreign policy as will be consistent with the expanding interests of the country. That policy should be energetic and decided; but should temper firmness with liberality, and make its highest energy prompt to the principle of justice. The real interest of the country, upon each occasion demanding attention will be its guide in the course the SENTINEL will pursue.

The national policy of the world in this age is essentially aggressive. In the growing sense of weakness of the nation of the Old World, and the ambitious restlessness of others, a common motive to colonial extension has developed.

Our settled determination to repel interference from abroad by our domestic concerns, will prompt us to the maintenance of the true principle of non-interference by our foreign or colonial policy, our peace should be threatened, our security endangered, or our interests invaded. For when the selfish interests of the nation are at stake, we avoid it if we would. We have larger interests, and a greater stake in the world and its destiny, than every other people. We occupy the best portion of the globe, and we are surrounded by a voracious, anarchical despotism. We are the only people whose own land, without colonial dependencies, is washed by the two great oceans of the world. Our agricultural products are more varied and more essential to civilized life, and to human progress—our mineral and manufacturing resources more vast—our facilities and capacity for internal and foreign enterprise more extended than those of any other people living under one government. A continent, to a great extent, unexplored and unexploited in its yet hidden wealth of our feet. European trade is at our doors, and through avenues which are at our doors, or Asia, Africa, and the isles of the sea, lying all around us, look to us as the leading power, through us, to the agency of those example, and ever widening and extending, though peaceful influences, the blessings of liberty, civilization, and religion, are destined to triumph over the barbarism and superstition of the millions of the world. And shall such a people refuse to lay hold upon their destiny, and act upon the high mission to which it is called? A mission so full of hope, and so full of glory, that it is a responsibility which, if properly directed, must make our confederacy the harbinger of peace to the world, as well as the peaceful arbiter of its destiny.

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